



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 55

February Session, 2008

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**AN ACT CONCERNING APPOINTMENTS TO THE LABOR
DEPARTMENT BOARD OF MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 31-91 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

3 There shall be, in the Labor Department, a Board of Mediation and
4 Arbitration, consisting of two panels of three members each. One
5 member of each panel of said board shall represent employers of labor,
6 one shall represent employees and one shall represent the public in
7 general. No such public member shall have been the representative of
8 any employer or employee in a labor dispute during the five years
9 immediately preceding the year of his appointment. One of the public
10 members of said board shall be the chairman. Each member
11 representing employees shall be a member of a bona fide labor
12 organization, which may be either a national or an independent
13 organization, but said two board members shall not be members of the
14 same labor organization. The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities
15 may make recommendations to the Governor for appointment of
16 members of the board representing employers. On or before July
17 fifteenth in the odd-numbered years, the Governor shall appoint two
18 members of said board to succeed the members whose terms expire.
19 The term of office for the members of said board shall be six years. The

20 members so appointed shall have power to complete any matter
21 pending at the expiration of the terms for which they were appointed.
22 The board shall choose a public member as deputy chairman to serve
23 in case of the death, removal, incapacity or absence of the chairman.
24 Any vacancy in the membership of said board shall be filled by the
25 Governor for the unexpired portion of the term. Any member of the
26 board may be removed by the Governor for cause or for the good of
27 the service, but only after notice and public hearing upon charges
28 preferred and subject to the right of appeal to the Superior Court. A
29 vacancy in the membership for any cause shall be filled by the
30 Governor within thirty days of the date of its occurrence.

31 Sec. 2. Section 31-92 of the general statutes is repealed and the
32 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

33 Whenever conditions warrant, the Labor Commissioner or the
34 chairman of the board shall request the Governor to appoint, and the
35 governor shall have authority to appoint, one or more alternate
36 members to the Board of Mediation and Arbitration in such numbers
37 as may be necessary, in order that said board may render efficient
38 service to employers and their employees whenever grievances or
39 disputes arise. The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities may
40 make recommendations to the Labor Commissioner or chairman of the
41 board for appointment of members of the board representing
42 employers. An alternate member may be so appointed for a period of
43 up to one year or until a replacement is appointed. Alternate members
44 so appointed shall have power to complete any matter pending at the
45 expiration of the terms for which they were appointed. Alternate labor
46 members shall be members of a bona fide national or independent
47 labor organization. Alternate members of the Board of Mediation and
48 Arbitration shall serve at any time when so delegated by the board and
49 while so serving shall have all the powers of members of the board.
50 Whenever an alternate member serves in place of a member of the
51 board, he shall represent the same interest as the member in whose
52 place he serves. Said board may, at its option, require alternate

